

## Recreation Meeting Minutes 7-28-2009

Attending: Justin, Louise, Jessica, Jim, Mary, Mark, Chris, Vern, Jim and Ann    Guests: Marion and Patrice

The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM. Jessica moved to amend the June minutes to include the voting to allow Recreation Department Members to buy tickets for the Fourth of July Raffles. This was approved.

The International Volunteer from Holland cannot make it this year. We will try for next year.

There will be a public hearing on 8/3 to discuss changing the hours of operation of Kimball Pond. Should the posted hours match the town ordinance? The Board of Selectmen will make the final decision.

Justin will be submitting a letter to the Board of Selectmen asking to approve a nonvoting student representative for the Recreation Committee.

There are only two more Town Band concerts this year so we will wait until next year to sell popcorn or snacks at this event.

The Eagle Scout Project for the online map is going well. Justin will give him feedback to prepare him for his presentation to the BOS. Louise suggested that they refer to the Rec Guide Book to reference the identified bike routes.

Justin distributed a list of the cabin renovations which were done to date this year. They are doing a great job.

Signs will be displayed around Town to advertise T-Bones on August 15<sup>th</sup> and the Movie in the Park. Justin has ordered the new parts for the broken tents.

Ringling Brothers Circus Tickets are available for Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

Red Sox/Cleveland Indian tickets are available for Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.

Cooled Outdoor Soccer will be Sunday nights at 5pm and Indoor Soccer will be held at the end of October. 122 kids signed up for British Soccer and we had an overwhelming number of families volunteer to host the coaches.

Tennis will be offered for young children in the Fall. The tennis and basketball courts will need to be repaved. Justin will start getting estimates. Justin will speak to Greg to see if he knows of anyone requesting a grant for repaving the courts.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the Senior Yard Sale. Donations wanted.

Justin is thinking about offering an adult ballroom dance class once a month. He will contact Michelle at Let's Dance Studio.

Jim has started researching the Sports Card Show. Carlton Fiske does shows for \$25,000.00 which includes autographs. We would have to get advance orders to insure that we cover these costs. Tables for vendors would be rented and we could charge admission to the event. A gear swap could be organized as well.

Kids Cooking Classes, Cake or Candy making classes will be researched. Halloween Festivities will be held this year on October 24<sup>th</sup>. There will not be a haunted house. We will try to coordinate a Family Fun Event with the Halloween Parade at Harold Martin School. We could have pumpkin carving, Story Telling, Donuts on a String, Music,

Games, Crafts and Food. The Women's Club will be asked to do the food. We should let the Police know of the Fun Day Activities.

Justin distributed the Financial Information on the Fourth of July Event.

Patrice mentioned that she got some good feedback using the Online Survey. We will need to get one more committed group to help work the kids games. The incident with the Gazebo was unfortunate but the BOS sent an apology letter.

Road Race changes for next year should include having regular meetings with the road race organizers and parking volunteers prior to the event to discuss parking, walkie talkies and getting everyone on the same page.

The Tookie Cookie Bakeoff should be assigned to one person, have a scoring sheet, have more tasters and have the cookies dropped off earlier.

The radios for the parade should have antennas.

Give out the food vouchers for the volunteers at the mandatory meeting. Break the prize gift certificates down to individual envelopes. We will also need more appropriate toddler prizes. Move the MC closer to the pie, root beer chugging and bubble gum contests. Perhaps look into getting a wireless microphone. There was a huge interest in the root beer chugging contest. We will need more than 12 cups and should put like ages together. The pie eating registrations was hectic...look at ways to improve on this. Think about a new location for the barbeques because they created a bottleneck. Get cinderblocks to hold down the tents. Louise will type up all of the recommendations.

Trampoline Update: Justin said bids have started to come in for the trampoline the deadline is August 14<sup>th</sup>.

There was discussion concerning the group rentals for the Slusser Senior Center. This will be discussed further.

There was a medical issue at the day camp because not all of the medical paperwork for a child was completed. We need to think about protecting the town's liability.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.